



# THE FLYING TIMES

The Official Newsletter  
of the Sonoma Skyrafters

EAA Chapter 1268

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**WE'RE GOING TO BRODHEAD AND OSHKOSH!**

How many of you remember that I've used this photo before?  
Brodhead is so much fun that it's worth repeating. Hope to see you there.

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## **FIRST THINGS FIRST**

The January meeting is this **Tuesday, July 9.**  
The Board of Directors will meet at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner is at 7:00 p.m. after the Board of Directors' meeting, and is \$8.00 per person. Our chef for the month will be your little ol' editor. You will be served barbecued chicken and sausage, Catherine's world famous corn and bean salad and her killer cookies.

Our program will be a presentation by Glenn Gathright and Harlow Voorhess from our local FAA FSDO. I've known Glenn for some time and he is the present incarnation of Del Ott for those of you who are well seasoned enough to have worked with him getting an airplane back in the air. Bring your FAA aircraft questions to the meeting.

The current news is that several Skypark and area pilots are headed to Oshkosh in a week. Some of us will be stopping off at Brodhead, WI for the annual Pietenpol fly-in starting the Thursday before Oshkosh, then flying or driving up to Oshkosh on Sunday.

I'm going with my old Scouting buddy, Paul Weller. Paul and I went together two years ago in Paul's classic 1958 straight tail 172. He had just had the engine overhauled and was looking for the chance to break it in. Did we ever.

We left Paul's home airport, Illinois Valley Airport, in Cave Junction, Oregon and stopped in with his old friend Ron in Montana the first day, then went on to stop in my wife Catherine's home town in North Dakota. From there it was a fairly easy flight to Brodhead.

Why would anyone want to stop in Brodhead? Paul was wondering that after a huge thunderstorm shredded his tent and we wound up sleeping on the floor of Chris Price's hangar.

I guess the white fish boil one night and the pork chop dinner the next made it all worthwhile for a couple of west coasters.

I just talked to Paul and we both agreed that we would need to bring the industrial strength DEET mosquito repellent this year, since the

stuff we used last time seemed to just add seasoning for the mosquitoes at Oshkosh.

Why would anyone go through all that for a trip to Oshkosh? As the old saying goes, "You had to be there."

### **EAA 1268 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER REPORT** **July 2019**

Membership Report: Blue badges now outnumber white badges approx. 2 to 1. Everybody except the newbies should know that blue badges indicate dues have been paid for the year and white badges need to pony up \$15 to be current.

We have two returning members this year – Anna Diaz and her son Emmanuel Berke. Emmanuel was one of our youthful aviators who went to Florida to attend Embry Riddle to further his aviation pursuits and was on the path to an aviation career until he met with an unfortunate motorcycle accident. I last saw him a couple years ago when he was in recovery and don't know if he's been able to get back in the cockpit – perhaps we'll learn more at the meeting.

Anna has been using her creative talents by writing novels under the name of Anna Mayfair. Her most recent book is titled "The Forgotten Note" and according to an online review it's "An exciting thriller about a beautiful college student by the name of Annette Kings, who is haunted by a recurring dream of Paris in the Nazi era, until one day she buys a vintage suitcase in the San Francisco wine country that is mysteriously connected with her visions" I haven't read the book but it sounds intriguing and is available at Readers Books in Sonoma (130 E. Napa St., Sonoma - on the town square) or online as an ebook at Amazon. Anna will make one available at the Skypark office library or clubhouse.

Treasurer's Report For the month of June we had a deposit of \$357 which consisted of \$30 in

dues, \$77 in dinner proceeds and \$250 in donations.

We now have chapter funds in the following accounts:

\$7451.47 in checking

\$103.69 in savings

\$5025.71 in CD account

These three accounts total \$12,580.87 total chapter funds.

That's all for now – see you at the meeting, Bill Wheadon

EAA 1268 Membership Chairman and Treasurer

### **YOUNG EAGLES**

Hi Darrel: Same ol' blurb. Come on out Sunday and help out. Would REALLY like to know how many Pilots to expect. I doubt that I'll be at the meeting Tue. Young son and grandson are visiting from Australia. KAI is looking forward to flying a young eagles flight, he's 10. Take care....B.K.

Young Eagles day is Sunday, July 14. As always BK White is looking for volunteer pilots, ground crew and registration helpers for our monthly Young Eagles events. Let him know you will be joining us and helping out by sending him an email to [eagle1@vom.com](mailto:eagle1@vom.com) or by calling him at 707-996-1335.

### **MOVIE NIGHT AT SONOMA SKYPARK**

Movie night for July will be in August. Yes, the Rafemeister is going to Oshkosh for the annual pilgrimage, so the Skypark movie house will be dark for July. Order a Netflix disc and be ready for the August movie night on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **DINNER SCHEDULE**

We have our celebrity chefs for 2019 but let us know if you want to be listed as our emergency standby cookie. Hot dogs, chili or pizza are perfectly fine. Contact Robin at [robntat@aol.com](mailto:robntat@aol.com) or 707-553-2747. You can also let me know at [wd6bor@vom.com](mailto:wd6bor@vom.com) and I'll put you on the roster.

The schedule for this year so far is:

Month	Cooks/Meal
<b>2019 DINNER SCHEDULE</b>	
JAN	Marsi, Abel, George, Les, Ruth, Howard
FEB	Bill & Jan W.
MAR	Nelleke & Rich
APR	Ernie Ganas
MAY	Jeanette W and Catherine S.
JUN	Don & Wayne
JUL	Darrel's bbq
AUG	Richard, Sandra & George
SEP	Ron & John's roadkill
OCT	Air Explorers
NOV	Robin T.
DEC	XMAS PARTY
Standby	?

### **SPEAKERS**

We are always, continually, everlastingly looking for speakers for our monthly programs.

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Month	Speaker/Member/Subject
<b>2019 SPEAKER SCHEDULE</b>	
JAN	2019 Air Academy & year's plans
FEB	Yayoi West- NASA-solar probe
MAR	John Shackford-F84/F86-Korea
APR	Miles Gerdard-flying elephants
MAY	Darren Stevenson-killer subs
JUN	Rich Cooper- Kai Tak
JUL	Glenn Gathright-FAA
AUG	Lew Jennings- author
SEP	Jeane Slone- author
OCT	Air Academy participants' report
NOV	Gene Marcinkowski-Hamilton
DEC	XMAS PARTY

### **2019 EAA 1268 CALENDAR**

Send me any exciting, thrilling, terrifying or just plain fun events you have for the calendar.

DATE	EVENT
7/9	1268 Meeting 7 pm
7/14	Young Eagles 9 am

7/18-21	Brodhead Pietenpol Fly-in
7/22-28	EAA AIRVENTURE at Oshkosh
8/10	Booneville Open House
8/11	Young Eagles 9 am
8/13	1268 Meeting 7 pm
8/24	Skypark Movie Night
9/8	Young Eagles 9 am
9/10	1268 Meeting 7 pm
9/11-15	Reno Air Races
<b>9/21</b>	<b>Skypark Family Fun Day!</b>
9/28-29	Wings Over Wine Country
9/28	Skypark Movie Night
10/13	Young Eagles 9 am
10/15	1268 Meeting 7 pm
10/26	Skypark Movie Night
11/10	Young Eagles 9 am
11/12	1268 Meeting 7 pm
11/23	Skypark Movie Night
12/6	Skypark Xmas Party
1/1/19	New Years' Day 1 <sup>st</sup> Flight
Every Saturday Noon to 1:30 pm Skypark Hamburgers and Hot Dogs in the clubhouse!	

**EAA CHAPTER 1268 MINUTES**

EAA 1268 Board of Directors Meeting  
June 11, 2019

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Robin Tatman at 6:25 pm.

Present were: President Robin Tatman, Vice President Darrel Jones, Treasurer and Membership Chairman Bill Wheadon, Secretary Nelleke Cooper, Directors Jeanette Woods and Roland Gangloff, Young Eagles Coordinator BK White.  
Absent: Director, Paul Siebert

Robin asked if there was a further update on the status of the Classic/Antique aircraft display exemption. Apparently, nobody had received a notice that the exemption was denied. Bill Wheadon mentioned that it is in the

interpretation of the wording, "What is considered General Transportation?" At Sonoma Skypark, Young Eagles and Display day are usually on the same day.

Treasurer's Report  
June 2019

Chapter 1268 monetary assets reside in three accounts at the Redwood Credit Union:  
Checking account - \$7094.47  
Savings Account - \$101.72  
Certificate of Deposit account - \$5014.52

These three accounts total \$12,210.71.

We also have \$7805.40 in non-chapter funds in the savings account that is being held for the Jack Strehl memorial fund.

As submitted by Bill Wheadon

BK White reported that June 9 was busier than usual. They flew 26 kids with 5 pilots and 5 airplanes. The pattern had to be changed due to the weather as it was bumpy over the hills. Pilots flying were Robin Tatman in her Cessna 120, Darrel Jones in Jeanette Wood's Cessna 172, Don Booker in his Cherokee, Tim Bloodgood in his light sport Remos and Josh Redsun. Ground volunteers Roland Gangloff, Marsi Fahraji, John Thomason, BK White on the flight line, Ron Willis and Gretchen McDougal.

Roland is coordinating a phone tree. Jeanette Woods has a list of the pilots and volunteers she created and will supply Roland with the list. Roland proposed dividing up the list and coordinating the list of volunteers the Friday before and Robin advocated having a more formal briefing prior to flying. Also, the procedure should definitively include ground school prior to flying.

Glenn Gathright of the FAA will be our Speaker for July and Gene Marcinkowski for November. The list for Speakers for the remainder of the year is complete.

Darrel Jones made a motion, second by Bill Wheadon for a \$1000 scholarship for flight training for Fabiola Chavez. Fabiola is the recipient of our Oshkosh Academy this year. For next year we have set aside funds for 6 spots at the Air Academy. Ken Mercer from the Napa Chapter will give us their credits towards the scholarship for Young Eagles they flew.

Roland suggested finding a way to coordinate meeting at the Oshkosh Air Venture for our group, such as making a sign at Ron Price's tent.

Board Meeting adjourned 7:00 pm

General Meeting called to order by President Robin Tatman at 7:50 pm

Robin thanked Wayne and Celia Schake and Don and Lee Booker for a delicious dinner of carnitas (pulled pork,) Spanish rice, beans, jalapeños and Salad. Chocolate covered ice cream bars for dessert!

Family Fun Day is officially rescheduled for September 21 this year.

The officers gave their reports to the Membership.

The first official Air Explorer meeting for this year was quite successful with 4 boys and 4 girls attending. Coordinators: Robin Tatman, Roland Gangloff, Ron and 2 parents. Kristin Gregory of the Napa Air Explorers has a contact at the Travis Air Force Heritage Museum in Vacaville. Robin has a request in to see if our group could be including in the field trip.

The membership was informed of the approved scholarship of \$1000 for flight training for Fabiola. The paperwork for the flying club is getting closer to be completed.

Oshkosh AirVenture dates 7/22-7/28 and the Pietenpol Fly-in at Brodhead 7/19-7/20.

Robin asked if anyone had an update on our Member Mike Harris. Mike has been active at Skypark for many years. He owned a Pitts airplane and used to race at the Reno Air Races. He flew a DC6 in Laos before the Vietnam War and spent part of his career at Japan Air Lines.

Presentation by Richard and Nelleke Cooper about landing at the old Kai Tak Airport in Hong Kong.

As they both flew for Pan Am there was a short introduction about Pan Am's history and pictures of their time at Pan Am. Richard started out flying Boeing 707's and then Boeing 747's and made many landings and take-offs at Kai Tak.

Kai Tak only had one runway (referred to as 13 in one direction and 31 in the other,) and was on a landfill jutting out into Victoria harbour. The end of the runway attached to the land was close to a group of steep hills.

The airport was surrounded by 2000 ft. hills and the pilot had to make a sharp angled turn at a very low altitude to land. Videos of landings at Kai Tak show the approaching airplanes among the apartment buildings and this made for some spectacular pictures. A number of electronic and visual aids were provided to assist pilots in correctly timing this last-minute turn, the most well-known of which was a large checkerboard sign on a hilltop that marked the point to start the turn.

To quote Wikipedia, "Landings at the airport were dramatic to experience and technically demanding for pilots.[3] The History Channel program Most Extreme Airports ranked it as the 6th most dangerous airport in the world.[4]"  
General Meeting adjourned 8:45 pm

**Send me your news for your newsletter!**

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MEMBERSHIP **DUES ARE DUE** IN JANUARY, AND MEMBERSHIP RUNS FROM JANUARY TO DECEMBER. DUES ARE STILL A MODEST **FIFTEEN BUCKS**, SO BRING SOME CASH FOR DINNER AND A BIT MORE TO **PAY YOUR DUES FOR 2019!** SEE YOU THERE!

**REMEMBER! THE JULY MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, JULY 9 AT 7 P.M., AT THE SKYCRAFTER'S CLUBHOUSE HANGAR B-5 AT SONOMA SKYPARK AIRPORT.**

**DINNER STARTS AT 7 PM, SO DON'T BE LATE!**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING WILL BE 6 P.M. BEFORE THE MEETING**

**SKYCRAFTER MEMBERSHIP**

**EAA CHAPTER 1268** Membership Dues: **\$15 per year.**

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**EAA MEMBERSHIP NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_ **EXPIRATION DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**AIRCRAFT OWNED OR BUILDING:** \_\_\_\_\_

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